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Pittsburg Landing.

Nineteen years ago yesterday and day before, the 6th and 7th. was fought the battle of Shiloh. After his success at Ft. Donelson Gen. Grant moved up the Tennessee river to Pittsburg Landing where he, on the morning of April 15, 1862, established a camp near a church called Shiloh, only a short distance from the river, his force aggregating about 32,000 men. The understanding was to form a junction at this point with Gen. Buell, who was to march from Nashville with a force of 15,000 men and meet Gen. Grant about the 1st of April but from some cause Buell did not arrive until the evening of the 6th. In the meantime the Confederates had been massed across the Mississippi line at Corinth and under the command of Gen. A. S. Johnston and Gen. Beauregard moved out, and early on the morning of the 6th of April suddenly attacked the federals with a force of 45,000 men. The onset was determined and desperate and fell first upon the divisions of Gen. W. T. Sherman and General Prentiss, of this place; these divisions were forced back before the superior numbers of the enemy after a gallant resistance and three regiments of Gen. Prentiss' division captured. It now seemed as if the Confederate onset would be successful, and the whole Union army gradually fell back almost to the landing. Here under the protection of the gun-boats the Union troops stood their ground against the determined assaults of the enemy, until in the afternoon when Gen. Buell's advance appeared upon the opposite bank of the river. This gave the Union troops who had all day been fighting against superior numbers, new hope, and as the Confederates under Beauregard assailed the Union center and left, they were met by such a determined foe that their advance was checked and after a desperate conflict they were finally driven back the carriage being terrible on both sides. Gen. A. S. Johnston one of the most popular of the Confederate generals having been mortally wounded. During the night a bombardment was kept up and the whole of Gen. Buell's army got across the river, thus increasing Grant's force to 45,000, about the same as that of the Confederates. Gen. Grant opened the battle in the morning by an artillery fire, before which the rebels fell back a short distance. This was followed by a general assault along the whole line which was bravely resisted by the Confederates. For hours the conflict raged, it was Americans against Americans, and both parties were brave and determined. The action continued until 3 p. m. when the Confederate ranks began to yield, and by 4 p. m. they were in full retreat. This ended up till that time, one of the most desperately contested battles of the American civil war, and one attended with a greater harvest of death than had before resulted from a battle in the New World. The Union loss in killed and wounded was 9,195, that of the Confederates 9,740.

Not the most astute politician in the city or the most watchful observer of the course of the campaign expected the result which followed yesterday's vote. That Overstolz would be badly beaten was evident enough for the last 48 hours preceding the election, but that every man on the democratic ticket would be beaten, that the city would go overwhelmingly republican on a party vote no one was prepared to assert. The election was simply a political revolution and St. Louis stands to-day the one great city of the country all the political machinery of which is in the hands of the party dominant in the nation. The election of yesterday was all the more important, too, from the fact, generally admitted, that if a party once gets full and absolute control here, with the system of city government existing, it must be very difficult to oust such party from power. It is claimed by the republicans now, and conceded by many of the democrats, that the latter can scarcely hope to make a successful showing for the next eight years and possibly not for twice that length of time, supposing the party in power to show itself reasonably honest and energetic in the management of city affairs. And perhaps it is just as well for St. Louis that, for the present, the republican strength so preponderates. The state has been considered a democratic stronghold and it has not helped Missouri that this region has been deemed a land of bourbonism and non-progression, that the great city of the state is overwhelmingly republican will be a fact widely advertised and something to offset the past reputation of Missouri. It will be recognized that there are various new elements at work here and that no one inherited system of thinking without reasoning on political affairs prevails here. The prospects of the city and the state may have been affected by yesterday's election more than a little.—Chronicle.

Half a dozen citizens of Deer Creek Ky., after indulging in a drunken carousal on Sunday had an affray with knives. Three were killed and two seriously wounded.

You can now buy velvet collars, cuffs, bow for the waist and bands for the hair in sets, and thus match all over.

Teasdale Calloway, a wealthy citizen of Atlanta, Ga., had a quarrel with his brother-in-law, Albert Smith, who shattered his skull with a pistol shot.

Senator Mahone has been complimented by the colored republicans of Washington for his manly stand for free speech, free ballot and a fair count.

The democratic ticket swept Chicago on Tuesday by a heavy majority. Carter Harrison, Mayor, was elected by 8,000 majority.

William Means, democratic nominee, was elected mayor of Cincinnati by 2,514 majority. All the other officers were republicans.

Kincher Ginn, a convict, escaped from the Goldsboro penitentiary, N. C., by placing himself in the coffin of a dead convict and cell-mate.

Beauregard's condition is considered encouraging.

Army of the Tennessee in session at Cincinnati yesterday.

The government of Greece is still preparing for war.

Hiram Price, of Iowa has been nominated as commissioner of Indian affairs.

The democrats carried the city election at Little Rock, by only a majority of three.

A. C. Thompson, of Norwich, Conn. was beaten to death by a woman in a hotel on Tuesday.

The Tennessee vote rejecting the Funding bill has been re-considered and the state saved from disgrace.

Patrick Powell, of St. Joseph, Mo., was shot and killed by accident at Grand Island, Neb., on Tuesday.

The widow of John Brown is an applicant for a government appointment at Washington.

Seven persons were killed by the capsizing of a row boat in the Ashley river, at Branchville, S. C., on Tuesday.

Alex. Young was knocked down and beaten to death in the streets of Dubuque, Ia., by unknown parties Monday night.

An Indian sheep herder was lynched at Lompac, Cal., on Tuesday, for horrible treatment and murder of a married lady.

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